Application No. 10/790,706

Reply to Office Action of April 11, 2006

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-21 are active in this application.

The rejections based on the co-pending application 10/790,707 is addressed by the Terminal Disclaimer filed herewith.

Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejections and allowance of the claims is requested.

It is also noted that an Information Disclosure Statement is being filed to bring to the Examiner's attention an Office Action issued in China. A return, signed and dated copy of the 1449 Form is requested with the Notice of Allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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